

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-14 (cancelled)

Claim 15 (currently amended): The microscope of Claim 9 A microscope comprising:
an arcuate microscope arm, said arcuate microscope arm comprising an interior and an exterior surface; said interior surface comprising at least one recessed portion, said at least one recessed portion is arcuate and extends from said interior surface of said microscope arm to an inner recess surface of said microscope arm, said at least one recessed portion comprising a surface for gripping said microscope, wherein said interior surface is proximate to a user of said microscope and said exterior surface is opposite said interior surface, wherein said at least one recessed portion is a removable panel.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The microscope of Claim 15 wherein a portion of said at least one recessed portion is disposed above a stage and below an objective turret of said microscope.

Claim 17 (previously presented): The microscope of Claim 15 wherein said at least one recessed portion comprises at least one wall extending from said inner recess surface to said interior surface and said at least one wall is selected from the group consisting of planar, arcuate, spherical, and ellipsoidal.

Claim 18 (previously presented): The microscope of Claim 15 wherein said at least one recessed portion comprises a textured surface for increasing a static coefficient of friction thereof.

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Claim 19 (previously presented): The microscope of Claim 15 wherein said at least one recessed portion extends from said interior surface of said microscope arm to a side of said microscope arm.

Claims 20-28 (cancelled)